



**Pending Document Request:**

Gejdenson has an outstanding request for documents related to the dual-use licensing of commodities to Iraq (dating back from April 19, 1991). To date the Department has not provided any of the documents or the legal justification requested for withholding such materials. Gejdenson has intimated that he has the support of Chairman Faccell to subpoena those documents that the Department refuses to provide.

**Commerce Response:**

Craig Helsing wrote Gejdenson this week stating 1) Commerce is prepared to provide some documents immediately and 2) Commerce would like to meet with your staff to reach an accommodation on additional documents about which we have confidentiality concerns. We are coordinating our response with the White House, but within those constraints, we want to be as forthcoming as possible.

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### Pending Document Request

On April 19, Gejdenson's subcommittee requested from Commerce, State, and Defense a large volume of documents related to Iraq licensing and policy, ranging as far back as 1979. BXA, OGC, and Congressional Affairs have been working with other agencies and the White House to coordinate responses to the request.

On June 4, Gejdenson wrote you, as well as the Secretaries of State and Defense, complaining that he had not yet received any documents (copy attached). This week, Assistant Secretary Helsing sent Gejdenson a response (coordinated through the White House) (copy attached), saying that (1) Commerce is prepared to provide some documents immediately and (2) Commerce would like to meet with subcommittee staff to attempt to reach an accommodation on additional documents about which we have confidentiality concerns. Commerce representatives are now scheduled to meet with subcommittee staff on \_\_\_\_\_.

### Commerce Response

Commerce is working hard on responding to the document request. We will continue to cooperate with the subcommittee, and we will provide all appropriate information. We are coordinating our response with other agencies and we will be as forthcoming as possible within those guidelines. [NOTE: we recommended that you not suggest that we will provide more information than other agencies or that we will push the White House to permit more extensive disclosures.]

We sent you a letter this week advising that we are prepared to provide some documents immediately. The letter also requested a meeting with your staff to reach an accommodation on additional documents. I understand that Commerce representatives are scheduled to meet with subcommittee staff on \_\_\_\_\_.